



Remarks

The application was objected to. A copy of the printed patent is provided herewith in double column form as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(a)(1). The objection is thus obviated.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being broadened in a reissue application beyond the two year statutory period because it was maintained that by Claim 1, Applicants claim all trans-retinoid acids and thus encompass every one of the trans retinoic acids in a pharmacologic effective amount to increase plasma HDL levels. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to clearly delineate that they intend to claim all trans retinoic acid, (i.e. tretinoin) by removal of a hyphen between the words all and trans. Support for this amendment can be found at, for example, Column 2, lines 48-49. The amendment is meant to correct any possible confusion, and is not meant to change the intended scope of the claim. This rejection has been overcome.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being unclear what is meant by "all-trans-retinoic acid". As discussed above, Applicants have amended Claim 1. This rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants maintain that Claim 1 is in condition ready for allowance. Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,219,888 is respectfully requested.

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